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ies, observatories, or other research foundations, or carrying on their research work under private auspices. He expressed the hope, that we might look forward to the formation of such a chapter in the region indicated, where it could clearly exert a vigorous influence for the development of research work while at the same time, it would be a helpful stimulus to the members of the organizations who are drawn together for conference and discussion.

Professor Richtmyer of Cornell, spoke on the advisability of extending the influences of the Society to other countries, and the possibility of organizing chapters in universities outside the United States. Attention was called to the fact that the phraseology of the Constitution made it possible to consider applications for granting charters from any point where interest was manifested in the movement.

The question, was on motion, referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and such action as might seem fit.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was presented, showing that the only vacancy to be filled was the position of that member of the Executive Committee, whose term expired with January 1916. The committee recommended F. E. Kester of the University of Kansas, as a member of the Executive Committee, for the term to expire January 1921.

On motion, the report was adopted, and the Secretary requested to cast the ballot of the Convention for the nominee. The ballot was cast and the election completed in due form.

After certain announcements, the Convention adjourned.

NOTE

The Minnesota and Wisconsin chapters of Sigma Xi have established for this year an exchange lectureship. President C. R. Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin addressed the Minnesota chapter in March on the Panama Canal. This lecture contained a more or less popular account of the work of the committee of scientists which recently investigated the slides at Panama. The other lecture will be given at Wisconsin in April by Dr. E. M. Freeman of the University of Wisconsin on the Red Scourge of Wheat.

W. J. MEEK, *Secretary*.